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Arrest made in November 2017 murder in Coffee County

by Linda Hodge, Editor

On Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 7, Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton announced an arrest in a homicide investigation he said had been underway for four years and 10 days.

On Nov. 27, 2017, Sara Starr, age 36, of Chancellor, Ala., was murdered via a gunshot wound to the head. The mother of four also was a fourth grade teacher at Harland Creek Elementary School in Enterprise at the time of her death.

According to Sheriff Sutton, his office received a call of a possible suicide at a residence on County Road 647 [Starr's residence] on



Jason Starr was arrested this week on federal charges in the 2017 murder of Sara Starr

Nov. 28, 2017. He said the matter soon was determined to be a homicide rather than a suicide.

"Today, we have completed a 4-year

10-day investigation into the murder of one of our local citizens," Sutton said Tuesday afternoon of this week during a press conference at the Coffee County Sheriff's Office. "I am pleased to announce a federal indictment has been issued against Jason Starr of Daleville, Ala., formerly of Coffee County."

The former husband of the victim was arrested at his home early Tuesday morning without incident and transported to Montgomery, Ala., according to Sheriff Sutton. He is charged with use of interstate commerce facilities in the commission of murder for hire.



Twelfth Judicial Circuit District Attorney Tom Anderson speaks during Tuesday's press announcing the arrest of Jason Starr. Also pictured is Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton. He made the arrest announcement to media.

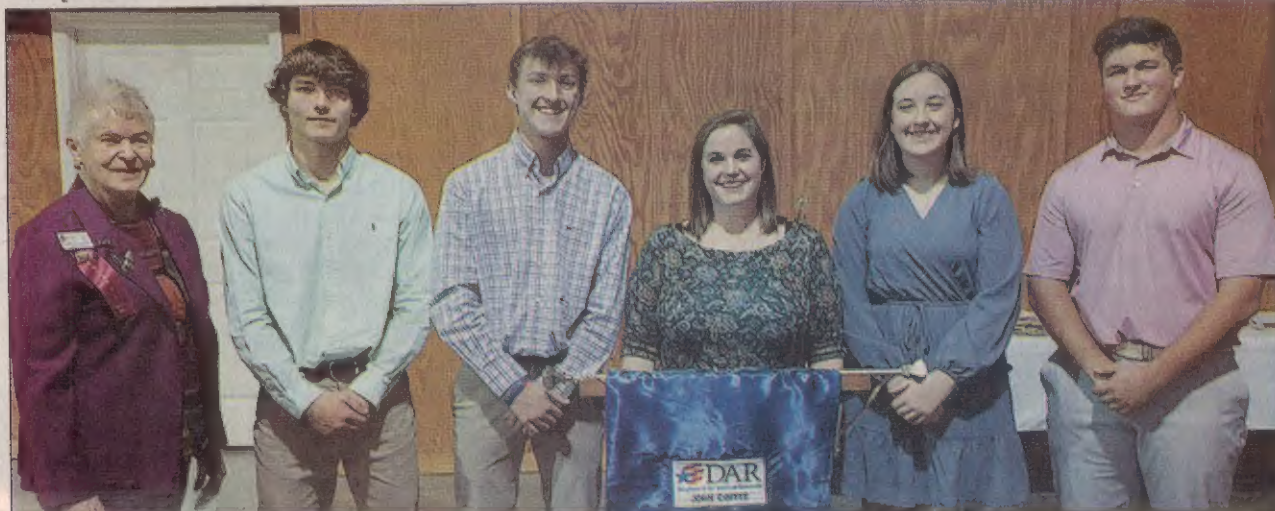
"This has been a complicated investigation that has taken officers out of this county and state,"

Sutton said. "We've worked many hours, days, weeks, and months following up on leads and information we've received in this case. Now, today, Jason Starr has had his first appearance in [federal court] in Montgomery this morning."

Sutton thanked many local, state and federal offices involved in the case for their tireless work to help officials reach the point of making the arrest on Jason Starr early Tuesday morning.

Twelfth Judicial Circuit District Attorney Tom Anderson commended the

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The John Coffee DAR Good Citizen's school award recipients are pictured above with chapter representatives. Those pictured are (from left): John Coffee Chapter Regent Jacque Hawkins; Brayden Watson, Zion Chapel; Blake Senn, Kinston; John Coffee Chapter Good Citizen Chair Liz Barton, Callie Pope, Elba and Overall County Winner; and Drew Cashion, New Brockton. Not Pictured: Quentin Hayes, Enterprise.

Elba's Pope wins county's overall DAR Good Citizen award

The 2021 overall winner of the John Coffee National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter Good Citizen's Award and Scholarship Contest was Elba High School's Callie Pope.

Created in 1934, this award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism in their homes, schools and communities. These students were selected by their teachers and peers because they demonstrated these qualities to an outstanding degree.

Each year, the John Coffee DAR Good Citizen's Award and Scholarship Contest Chair, Liz Barton, works with the school counselors from each of the five high schools in Coffee County to have them submit their "Good Citizen" to represent their school.

From these five, one is selected as the overall winner and the winners Good Citizen's package is submitted to the State DAR Chair to be judged at the state level. Each entry is presented with a certificate and a good citizen's pin and the winner is presented with a monetary gift from the DAR Chapter. The recommendation included a detailed package on the individual's overall accomplishments and an essay answering the question - "How do the qualities of a good citizen (dependability, service, leadership and patriotism) help support our nation?"

Pope is the daughter of Aaron Pope and Martha Pope and is first in her class at Elba High School. She is the SGA President and Drum Major for the Elba High School band. She is also the president of Senior Beta.

In her essay Pope wrote, these are "four ways that

good citizens can grow and prosper to become great citizens. Without them, there would hardly be good things in life. Good jobs, good change, good people because those that use dependability, service, leadership and patriotism everyday are those that will make a difference, not only for

those around them, but the whole nation."

Upon graduation, Pope plans to attend Auburn University or Mississippi State University to pursue an engineering degree.

The other four school winners this year are:

Enterprise High School: Quentin Hayes. Hayes is

the son of Christina and Juan Hayes. He is a member of the National Honor Society; a member of the varsity football, basketball and track and field teams. He was named to the Dothan Eagle's Super 12 in

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Elba's Gilmore named local DAR chapter's '21 Outstanding American History Teacher

Al Gilmore, U.S. history teacher at Elba High School for the past five years, received the John Coffee National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter "Outstanding American History Teacher for 2021" during a ceremony held Sunday, Dec. 5, in Coffee County.

"We are very proud of Coach Gilmore for receiving this honor," said Elba High School principal Wynn Grimes. "He is a fabulous history teacher, and we are lucky to have him at Elba High School. The students love him!"

According to the local DAR chapter, the teacher nominee selections are based on the individual specializing in American history at the middle or high school level, having incisive knowledge of history they



Al Gilmore is pictured here with Callie Pope, the Elba High School DAR Good Citizen for 2021. Pope also was named the DAR Good Citizen for Coffee County.

share readily with students, fostering a spirit of patriotism and demonstrating the ability to relate history to modern life and events.

Gilmore attended West Alabama on a football scholarship, but due to an injury after his first year he transferred to Troy University, where he graduated with a degree in social science. He also serves as one of the Elba Tiger's football coaches.

Gilmore's parents were both educators who instilled in him a love of history. One of the letters of recommendation from the Elba High School senior class stated that Coach Gilmore "is an amazing teacher who makes history come to life."

Whit Shehee, president of Elba's senior class, said, "Coach Gilmore is a tough teacher, but when you leave his class, you know you have learned something."



Jason Ballard of Elba earned the World Championship medal in Masters 40-44 Deadlift Only powerlifting Nov. 28th in Coventry, England. He also placed second in Masters 40-44 Bench Only and second in Mens Open Deadlift Only. The Region B Special Agent Senior for ALEA is pictured above with his medals.

Jason Ballard earns a World Championship in powerlifting

On Sunday, Nov. 28, Region B's ALEA [Alabama Law Enforcement Agency] Special Agent Senior Jason Ballard fought through an injury and joined an elite group of individuals by becoming a World Champion. SAS Ballard, representing the United States, competed in the International Powerlifting League (IPL) World Powerlifting Championship against lifters from Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Holland, India, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, and fellow lifters from the United States. The meet was held in Coventry, England.

Ballard competed in Mens 125 kg Open and Masters 40-44 year old class in Bench Only and Deadlift Only. All of the countless hours of training paid off as SAS Ballard was able to place second in Masters 40-44 Bench Only, Second in Mens Open Deadlift Only, and he brought home the Gold medal by placing First in Masters 40-44 Deadlift Only.

Ballard said he was humbled by all the encouragement and support he received and first wanted to thank God for blessing him with the opportunity to compete. He then gave credit to all his family and friends who believed in

him, even when times got tough during training. Ballard said without God and the support system of his family and friends, none of this would have been possible. SAS Ballard is now back home in Alabama and is looking forward to more competition in the future. He plans to compete at the USPA Powerlifting National Championship in Las Vegas, Nevada in July of 2022 and then the IPL World Championship in Moscow, Russia in November of 2022. Ballard trains at Mike's Gym in Elba.

NOTICE:

The regular scheduled Elba City Council meeting for Monday, Dec 13, at 5:30 p.m. has been rescheduled due to the city's Christmas parade. The Council meeting now will be Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 5:30 p.m. The council will hold both December meetings on Dec. 14th, the second meeting will be called to order after the first ends.

The regular scheduled Elba City Council and Elba Water and Electric Board meetings for Dec 27th have been canceled.

Area Happenings

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 42 IN ELBA will conduct its monthly meeting Saturday, Dec. 11, at the American Legion Post beginning at 10:30 a.m. All member and veterans are encouraged to attend.

THE ELBA CHRISTMAS PARADE has been rescheduled to Monday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. Call the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at (334) 897-3125 for more information.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Thursday, Dec. 23, and Friday, Dec. 24, for the Christmas holidays. The garbage truck will run its normal routes on these days. For any utilities emergency on these days, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift; that's why it's called a present." — Bill Keane

Reliability of polls? It is no secret this column is not a cheering fan of holding up opinion polls as the gospel. Our reaction is mostly amusement. Case in point is result of two polls dealing with Thanksgiving meals. We noted excerpts from one just before Thanksgiving this year. The first one listed the most hated food those replying didn't want on the holiday table. We quote, "The leading items on this list are cranberry sauce, turkey, sweet potatoes, dressing, corn, pumpkin pie and even ham and mashed potatoes." A week later another poll by another group (using different wording) indicated the vast majority of responders were looking forward to eating those very 'most hated' traditional foods! This confirms what many experts have long contended, "Before you believe the results of any poll, find out exactly how the questions were asked."

College football playoffs . . . we are predicting a 'rerun' of the recent Alabama/Georgia game as the 4-team National Championship playoffs move forward. Our gut feeling is that Alabama and Georgia will each defeat their first-round opponent, Cincinnati and Michigan, respectfully, on New Year's Eve, and then meet January 9th for what will probably be one of the most watched college games on record. Even though Cincinnati is undefeated, and Michigan ended the season on a winning streak we just can't ignore the awesome talents (and coaching) on the Bama and Georgia teams.

We don't have any desire to become the 'go to' site for sports updates but will add that the holiday lineup of football games will feature Auburn in the Birmingham Bowl with Houston while UAB goes to Shreveport to face BYU in the Independence Bowl. There will also be a bowl game in Montgomery on Christmas Day and one in Mobile on December 18th.

A sliver of welcome news is beginning to surface concerning the newest variant of COVID-19. First it was announced by the South African experts, soon followed by American and other medical experts. Their data indicates this latest very fast-spreading mutation is apparently not as deadly as the original COVID-19 nor the two on-going major worldwide variants. While they have not yet made this as an absolute statement, it appears to be more than just wishful thinking.

We cringe when a person charged with a violent crime - claims, or their attorney claims, - he or she is incompetent to stand trial. That often means a few short years in mental hospital loose confinement and 'therapy' followed by release and 'official' forgiveness. However, in the case last week where a mother purposely shot and killed her 6-year-old son with a deer rifle because she wanted him to go to heaven has to fall into the incompetent group. It is impossible to think a sane person would purposely kill an innocent child, particularly their own child.

We would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge 'December 7, 1941' as the "a date which will live in Infamy", an often quoted President Roosevelt saying he made when addressing Congress on the following day. It was the sudden beginning of WWII, which cost the lives of millions around the world and forever changed our way of life in America.


Be safe, wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or booster!

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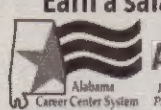


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 **Cuzin Lou Lou's**
Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou was shopping over the weekend with Sister and some friends when they did something that is not easily done... they unnerved Lou Lou by leading her into a store that left her feeling uncomfortable and clinging tightly to her just purchased Nativity scene door hanger!

Lou Lou followed her group into the store and unknowingly started perusing the items for sale inside the store. It did not take long and she was questioning "exactly what kind of store this was?"

After a quick look around, she asked one of her friends, "What kind of store is this?"

Said friend responded with a slight chuckle, "It's a store for white magic."

"As opposed to black magic? The kind performed by witches?" was Lou Lou's response.

Affirmation to that question caused Lou Lou to point out, "at least I've got Jesus with me!" She grasped her new Nativity door hanger a little tighter.

Lou Lou immediately sought Sister in the store, and asked her if she realized they were in a "witch store?"

Sister looked at Lou Lou as if she had lost her mind! In a confused tone, she asked Lou Lou what she was talking about.

Lou Lou explained that their friend had just told her this was a white magic store.

"You know...like witches and stuff!" she exclaimed! "Don't worry though," Lou Lou assured Sister. "We've got Jesus with us," she pointed to the door hanger confirming that

statement.

Lou Lou was ready to get out of that store pretty quickly after this revelation, so, she convinced Sister for them to head on out, but she did not leave with a parting reminder to those still inside. As Lou Lou exited the store, she said, "Jesus loves you!"

By this point, Sister was a little embarrassed over the way Lou Lou was acting, and she too was in a hurry to exit the store. However, she said her hurry was to get Lou Lou out of there before she embarrassed them even further.

Lou Lou could not help herself. She was not accustomed to places like that. Her safe haven of Yonder is not place for such! Lou Lou has no desire to return again...white magic [which supposedly is a good kind] or not!

Sister and their friend later tried to convince Lou Lou all those substances in the jars behind the counter were for mixing teas [not potions, as Lou Lou decided], but she was not convinced. She'll pay more attention next time before she just blindly follows someone into an unknown store!

Lou Lou also is convinced there was purpose behind her purchasing the new Nativity door hanger for her home back on Yonder that day! It was Divine intervention knowing she would need it later!

Who knew places like this really existed...certainly not Lou Lou and certainly not in her beloved Yonder! There really is no place like home!!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!



Elba Mayor Tom Maddox (center) was the guest speaker recently at the Elba Lions Club meeting. Mayor Maddox updated the local Lions on things happening in and around the city. Pictured with Maddox are Lions Club officers Leo Brown (left) and Kay Mack (right).

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, November 30, 2021, and Monday, December 6, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Nov. 30 — Animal bites reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (8:57 a.m.); Burglary reported at 706 Newton St (10:16 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1237 Jones Circle (3:34 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date resulting in one report and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, Dec. 1 — Suspicious vehicle reported at 14678 Hwy 87 (2:30 a.m.); Harassment reported at 230 Court Ave (8:47 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1021 Martin Luther King Dr (9:28 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 420 Plant Ave (8:27 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Reese Ave (8:37 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 335 Brunson Circle (11:02 p.m.). There were six traffic stops on this date resulting in two verbal warnings, two citations, and two writ-

ten warnings.

Thursday, Dec. 2 — Trespassing reported at 209 Adkinson Ave (12:11 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2370 Taylor Mill Rd (12:53 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1019 Claxton Ave (4:36 p.m.); Missing person reported from 732 Lee St (10:20 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date with an 'unfounded' disposition.


Friday, Dec. 3 — Suspicious vehicle reported at 1032 Morrow Ave (1:40 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 84 (6:06 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 997 Winston Ave (1:45 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1576 Gray St — an arrest was made (2:04 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 469 Claxton Ave (5:26 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Plant Ave — an arrest was made (7:29 p.m.); Fraudulent use of a credit/debit card reported to Elba Police (8:41 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a written warning.

Saturday, Dec. 4 — Domestic complaint reported at 708 County Rd 455, Kinston (12:02 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 21120 Hwy 87 (1:10 p.m.); Fraudulent use of a credit/debit card at 402 Collier St (1:52 p.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (6:40 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 123 Dunham Ave N (6:43 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 606 Simmons St (11:28 p.m.); Structure fire reported at 219 E Davis St (11:48 p.m.). There were five traffic stops on this date resulting in two written warnings, one verbal warning, and two citations.

Sunday, Dec. 5 — Assault reported at 14958 Hwy 84 (9:27 a.m.); Assault reported at 2535 County Rd 377 (11:55 a.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported at 1568 Powell Circle, Lot 20 (12:49 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 435 Reese Ave (6:21 p.m.).

Monday, Dec. 6 — Disorderly person reported at 200 Buford St (10:12 a.m.); Animal complaint w/ impound at 1008 Collins St (10:57 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1765 County Rd 505 (4:07 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 413 Adkinson Ave (4:31 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 962 E Davis St (6:16 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 828 E Davis St (7:23 p.m.).

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Blair Wyrosdick from Kinston School in Kinston, Ala. was one of more than 500 elementary, junior high and high school cheerleaders and dancers from across the country that represented Varsity Spirit in the 2021 Thanksgiving Tour at the Walt Disney World® Resort in Orlando, Florida.

The individuals invited to perform are part of a select group of cheerleaders and dancers chosen as All-Americans during Varsity Spirit summer camps across the country. All-Americans are selected via tryout based on either superior cheerleading or dance skills at camps operated by Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA), Universal Dance Association (UDA), National Cheerleaders Association (NCA), National Dance Alliance (NDA), or Urban Cheerleading Experience (UCE). Only the top 10% of the cheerleaders and dancers from Varsity Spirit camps earn the chance to march in a holiday parade of this caliber.

Wyrosdick performed with the Varsity Spirit All-Americans in a one-of-a-kind performance through Disney's Magic Kingdom® Park during Thanksgiving week. Besides enjoying



Kinston's Blair Wyrosdick performing in Thanksgiving Day Parade at Disney World with Valley Spirit.

a sunny trip to Orlando, All-Americans also had the opportunity to meet cheerleaders and dancers from across the nation and enjoy a magical holiday season at Walt Disney World®

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Blair is the daughter of Jamie and Lougner Wyrosdick of the Basin Community in Coffee County. She is a senior at Kinston this school year.

Teacher of the Month named for Elba Elementary

Elba Elementary School's 'Teacher of the Month' is Jessica Wyrosdick.

The library media specialist at Elba Elementary, Wyrosdick was voted on by

her colleagues to receive this honor. She is in her second year at Elba as the media specialist for the library.

Wyrosdick said she loves

that Elba reminds her of the elementary school where she grew up: the size of the school, the feeling of family and strong sense of community.

"Most of all, I love my students and the fact that I get to know each and every one of them and share my lifelong love of books and reading with them!" she said.

Wyrosdick has been married to her husband, Rodney, for 21 years. He also is a teacher (High School Ag at Straughn). They have three daughters in 10th, 6th, and 2nd grades.



Jessica Wyrosdick, library media specialist at Elba Elementary School is the "Teacher of the Month"

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Basketball and Honorable Mention in Super 12 Football.

In response to the essay topic he wrote, "A good citizen is an accountable person that serves and leads others and has a great pride in their homeland. Good Citizens do what they do not for glory, but to make everyone else around them better. They hold themselves accountable for their actions and work their best to fix mistakes. Good citizens are what help shape our nation!"

Upon graduation, Hayes plans to attend college to pursue a degree in psychology. Hayes was unable to attend the awards ceremony. Kinston High School: Blake Senn. Senn's parents are Lori and Adam Senn. He serves as the Beta Club President, the MU Alpha Theta Club President, FBLA Vice President and as a Bulldog Ambassador. Senn is a member of the varsity football, basketball and golf team.

Senn wrote on the essay topic, "These four qualities help people better understand what it means to be a good citizen. A small change in the actions of one person can have an enormous effect on our nation just because that person wanted to make a difference. Imagine the endless possibilities that could happen if everyone wanted to make a difference in soci-

ety."

Upon graduation, Senn plans to attend Auburn University to pursue a degree in computer science.

New Brockton High School: Drew Cashin. Cashin's mother is Cheryl Cupp. Cashin is a Gamecock Representative, a member of the National English Honor Society, a member of MU Alpha Theta, a member of Senior Beta and a member of the varsity football and baseball team.

Responding to the essay question, Cashin wrote, "These qualities help our nation because good citizens help shape our nation."

Upon graduation, Cashin hopes to play baseball at a community college and continue his education at a four-year university.

Zion Chapel High School: Brayden Watson. Watson's parents are Kendra and Jonathan Thomas and Jenny and Brad Watson. Watson is a member of the FBLA, team captain for Varsity Football and Basketball and is a member of the varsity baseball and cross country team.

On the essay topic Watson wrote, "Without good citizens to help when not asked and to do the right thing when no one is around we would not make it in this world."

Upon graduation, Watson plans to pursue a degree as a Physical Therapy Assistant.

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

GETHERAL LEE "BUBBA" PINCKARD JR.

Getheral Lee "Bubba" Pinckard Jr., age 74, of Pell City, Ala., died Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021, in Birmingham, Ala.



Mr. Pinckard was a longtime member of the Alumni Board of Troy University. He was the former owner of PinCorp Rentals, former owner of B&B Equipment Rental, and former owner of Advantage Rental.

Funeral services were held Dec. 1, 2021 at Usrey Funeral Home, Pell City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Baptist Women's Ministry of the First Baptist Church of Pell City. Condolences may be offered online at www.usreyfuneralhome.com.

Bubba was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Frances Pinckard. Survivors include his sons: Chuck Beaver (Tonya) and Mitch Pinckard (Carolyn); sisters: Judy King and Pat Sharpless; grandchildren: Savannah, Casarie and Grayson Beaver, Christian & Zakary Pinckard, Lisa Jones, Hollie Reeves, and Samuel Reeves; along with great-grandchildren: Lilli and Caitlyn Chambliss, and Keegan Jones.

MARILYN BYRD

Marilyn Byrd, age 68, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday morning, Dec. 5, 2021, at her home surrounded by her loved ones.

In accordance with her wishes, no formal services will be held. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba assisted the Byrd family.

LORETTA PARMER FLEMING

Loretta Parmer Fleming, of Enterprise, Ala., died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021.

Funeral services were held Dec. 6, 2021, in Fleming Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

She was born on April 14, 1942, in Greenville, Ala. to the late Henry Lee and Floree Lett Parmer. She graduated from Alabama State University in 1963 with a degree in elementary education and later returned to Troy State University to earn her Master of Education degree and certification in counseling. She was a member of the Enterprise

Education Association, the Alabama Education Association, the National Education Association, the Coffee County Education Retirees Association, and the National Alumni Association, Inc. of Alabama State University.

She united in holy matrimony to Zerubbabell Isaac (Z.I.) Fleming, Jr. on April 20, 1963. They shared 58 years of marriage until her death.

Survivors include her husband: Z. I. Fleming Jr.; three daughters: Felicia, Clarissa, and Zenia; four granddaughters: Devyn, Danielle, Dominique, and Jessica; three siblings: Gloria (Reverend Joseph III) Ellington, Delarie (Katrina) Parmer, and Margaret Parmer; one sister-in-law: Myrdia Davis; three brothers-in-law: Clarence (Norma) Broomfield, Jubal (Mary) Fleming, Sr.; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

MyQUELL L. SMITH

MyQuell L. Smith, age 15, of Enterprise, Ala., died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021, Daleville Christian Fellowship with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

The youngest of six siblings, MyQuell LaQuavian Smith was born Nov. 8, 2006 in Enterprise, to Misty Canady and Michael Smith. He was a freshman at Enterprise High School. He was an honor student, a rising star in both football and track.

Survivors include his mother: Misty (Cedric) Canady; his father: Michael (Michelle) Smith Sr.; four

sisters: Ashuntae Smith, Evie Williams, Christina Williams, Jacquelyn Alexander; one brother: Michael Smith Jr.; grandparents: Frederick and Evon Alvin, Willie and James and Faye Smith; uncles: David (Mihaela) Ardis and Brian Smith; aunts: Penny McKenzie and Rebecca Law; nephews: KayDen and Maverick Smith, and a host of other relatives and friends.

SAMUEL FARRAND WHITEHURST

Samuel Farrand Whitehurst, of Enterprise, Ala., died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021.

Funeral services were held Dec. 6, 2021, at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

He was born on July 6, 1960, in Enterprise to Samuel Whitehurst and Marthan Tucker Whitehurst. He resided in Gadsden, Ala. until his death. He was a 1979 graduate of Enterprise High School and continued his education at Enterprise State Junior College.

Farrand was preceded in death by his sister, Karen Denise Whitehurst.

Survivors include his mother and father; two sisters: Muriel L. Scott and Linda Michelle Goosby; one brother, Kevin K. Whitehurst; two nieces, Monica L. Reynolds (Eric) and Jacquelyn M. Goosby Johnson (Ted); one nephew, Gregory D. Goosby Jr.; two great nephews, Kaleb I. Reynolds and Aiden I. Goosby; one great niece, Rosemary Goosby Crawford; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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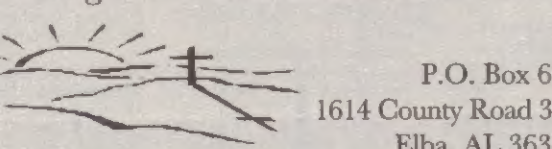
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Sometimes individuals will find their relatives have purchased comprehensive family burial plots for children and other loved ones to use. However, many find it is uncommon for families to "stay together" geographically in a way to practically use these burial plots. In addition, children—and grandchildren—of the original deed-holder will often wish to be buried with their spouse or pursue another form of burial.

Is it Disrespectful to Not Use a Family Burial Plot?

Many will question whether it is disrespectful to plan to be buried in another cemetery than what one's predecessors purchased. However, it is important to remember that every individual has a right to carry out his or her funeral and burial as chosen. Having these discussions before the plot owner or deed holder has passed can be a great way to mitigate any future confusion—and possibly sell any unneeded plots.

Memorializing a Family Plot with a Marker

Although an individual may wish to place his or her remains somewhere other than a family plot, there are some ways to memorialize the concept of the family without having to pursue burial. For example, if the deceased wishes to be buried next to a spouse in a different location, the surviving relatives can opt to place an additional marker on the original family plot. Although an individual is not buried there, this is a great way to respect the wishes of parents, grandparents, and other ancestors without having to compromise the personal desires of the deceased.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Philip Box, President
Elba Ministerial Alliance

During the holiday season, newspapers blend current events, local news and special Christmas related content. Churches often do the same, giving special notice to things that are happening in the community.

A mix of human-interest stories and helpful tips add value to our lives but make no mistake about it the holidays can be tough! We want you to know that some of us and more importantly God cares!

Here are some powerful Bible verses about how God cares for you.

For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you." Isaiah 41:13

God doesn't simply send an angel to hold your right hand. The God of heaven and earth personally holds you. His closeness is amazing and His care for us is unequalled.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. Isaiah 43:2

We will all "pass through waters" and rivers of hardship and uncertainty and walk through the fires of life. But God promises, "I will be with you." Personally. Presently. In the midst of the fire, like he was with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Psalm 23:1-3

In this, one of the most well-known passages in the Bible, God tells us he cares for us intimately and personally. He leads us. Feeds us, gives us rest in Him. Our good shepherd feeds us and refreshes us in his word. He personally restores our souls when we are weary and drained. He personally leads us in paths of righteousness for his name's sake so that we will bring glory to His name.

HE CARES FOR YOU.

He cares about you.

He cares about your children and grandchildren.

He cares about you in your job.

He cares for you, that you would have joy and strength.

Are you brokenhearted? Crushed in spirit? The Lord is near to you. He is with you and identifies with you. If God tells us to weep with those who weep, how much more does he feel for us in our sadness and pain. And he tells us to cry for help, because He hears. We were once far off from God, but when we believed in Jesus, and obey his will our life changes

God will never leave nor forsake us. This is how we can be content in every circumstance. We have God Himself, the fountain of life and every good thing, and he will never abandon us.

I hope these verses encourage you as much as they have encouraged me through the years. Isn't our God wonderful? God cares for you, and so do we.

It is the desire of the ministerial alliance to care for our community by being a reflection of God.

SHARE YOUR CHURCH NEWS WITH THE ELBA CLIPPER...

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Mount Zion Baptist Church plans Children's Activity Day for Dec. 11

The Christmas Story will be the theme of a Children's Activity Day at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 1 until 5 p.m.

The event will include a host of activities for children of all ages, including food, games, crafts, songs, skits and much more - all designed to explore The Christmas Story.



COFFEE CAKES...Each December, the member churches of the Coffee County Baptist Association (CCBA) collect homemade cakes, cake mixes, and more to be donated to the Alabama Baptist Children's Home. A total of 1,102 cakes were donated by CCBA churches this year. Above, Sylvia Padgett, a member of Whitewater Baptist Church in Elba, makes a delivery to the CCBA office. Pictured with Padgett is Dr. John Granger, director of missions for CCBA.

PUBLIC NOTICES [more on Page 5]

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE VACATION OF A PORTION COFFEE COUNTY ROAD 411

The Coffee County Commission has received a written petition from the abutting landowners of a portion of Coffee County Road 411 requesting the vacation of said road. Pursuit to Section 23-4-20, Code of Alabama 1975, the Coffee County Commission shall hold a public hearing on December 13, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the Coffee County Complex Community Room, New Brockton, Alabama concerning the proposed road vacation during the regularly scheduled Commission Meeting. The Commission is scheduled to address the proposed road vacation following the conclusion of the public hearing. The proposed public road to be vacated is described as follows:

The portion to be vacated will begin at a point 1,920 feet from the intersection of said County Road 411 and Alabama Highway 189. This 1,920 feet is measured along the centerline of said County Road 411 beginning at the center of Alabama Highway 189. Thence continue south along said County Road 411 760 feet to the point where county maintenance currently ends located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 36, T-5-N, R-19-E.

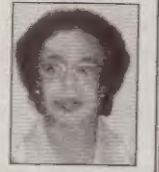
Any citizen alleging to be affected by the proposed vacation may file written objection or request to be heard at the public hearing. Written objections may be mailed, or hand delivered to The Coffee County Commission, #2 County Complex, New Brockton, AL 36351. Please contact the Coffee County Commission at (334) 894-5556 if you desire to be heard at the public hearing.

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Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

897-3611



Scripture: The Glory of God in Zion [Psalm 48: 1-14]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Juanita Rogers, Mamie Belcher, Yazmin McNair, Rose Coleman, Michael Watkins, Robin Paterson, Shanika Pruitt, Phillip Musgrove, Myra Duncan, Emmanuel Stalworth, the late Ocie Pearl Phillips Family

January Birthdays / Anniversaries

Chessi Cross 1/3
Jeff and Audrey W. Bennett 1/4 W.A.
Martha Gilford 1/7
Superintendent William K. Ellison 1/7
Corene Daniels 1/8
Bishop Emmett Bright 1/8
Shayla Bright 1/8
Natalie Luckett 1/9
Darrean Burks 1/10
Lavon Rideaux 1/12
Braxton Robinson 1/14
Helen Phillips 1/14
Angela Caldwell 1/15

Antiheroes

An antihero is a character who doesn't display classic heroic traits but is nevertheless the protagonist and unlikely hero. Antiheroes have a significant place in history, sometimes playing an evil or good role, but more often an ambiguous one.

Robin Hood and his "band of merry men" are a great example. Most heroes don't steal from anyone, rich or poor. And in the original stories, Robin Hood didn't just steal - he killed! The story was later sanitized with Robin Hood outwitting the wealthy to steal their excess and nobly giving his loot to the poor.

Then there is the prostitute Rahab. She was one of the Bible's many antiheroes mentioned by James as an example of faith that works. Rahab's story shows us how the Bible tells it

like it is. She is an example of the fact that God uses flawed people to accomplish His work. That gives hope to all of us potential antiheroes doesn't it? - C.R.B.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 12/9/2021

True or False

Q: Friends of a man who is disabled brought him to Jesus by lowering him through the roof.

A: True [Mark 2:4]

Q: Jesus avoided teaching in Synagogues.

A: False [Luke 4:15]

Q: When Mary became pregnant Joseph admitted that he was the father.

A: False [Matthew 1: 18-19]

Sayings That Makes Sense

• Work for the Lord, the Retirement Plan is out of this world

• A Christian is not a perfect person, every child of God stumbles now and then

Questions for the Week of 12/16/21

Multiple Choice

Q: What non-Israelite was grandmother to King David? (Rahab) (Orpah) (Ruth)

Q: Who encouraged Joseph to take Mary as his wife? (an angel) (his father) (a priest)

Q: John the Baptist wore clothes made of what? (linen) (camel's hair) (wool)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue



Church Directory

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH
Rocky Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Harry Driggers, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

BETHLE A.M. CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Renonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
K.H. Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH
Glenwood, AL
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hauckey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J.R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Loreale Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st... 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

OLD FARNERCHULE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

PRATHE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A.R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE A.M.E.
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Noon Ser. Mon... 12 noon
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.
Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
C.P. Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Shayne Allen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

WHITESTAR BAPTIST CHURCH
Danny Bynum, Interim Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Mike Medley, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Cary Maulden, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

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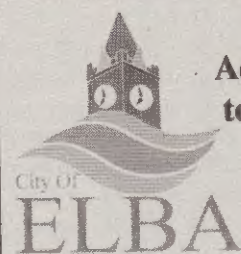
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Laborer

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Administrative Assistant
to the Elba Police ChiefFLSA Status: Non exempt
Reports to: Police Chief**JOB SUMMARY:** This is an administrative position under the direction of the Elba Police Chief and is responsible in the assisting of executive, administrative, and clerical activities. Limited administrative responsibilities are to assist in the preparation of reports, budgets, news releases and other public relations, documents, research and special projects.**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** (the essential functions or duties listed below are only intended as illustration of the various types of work that may be performed)

- a) Maintains and updates calendars for the Police Department; receives and screens requests, coordinates, arranges and confirms meetings, appointments, social engagements and community events. Oversees the communications from the Chief's office, including receiving and screening visitors and telephone calls, providing information and handling issues that require sensitivity and sound independent judgement; conducting research, responds to requests for information.
- b) Utilizes the City's website and other approved social media platforms to disseminate information to citizens.
- c) Oversees the preparation and typing of correspondence, memoranda, agenda items, reports, presentations, forms and other documents; ensures that documents are accurate, complete and conform to Police Department's standards, policies and procedures; ensures materials, reports and documents for signature are accurate and complete; responds independently to mail and email inquiries regarding a variety of matters.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:

- a) High level of proficiency on personal computers and associated software applications.
 - b) Ability to interface with the public with tact, courtesy and accurateness; establish and maintain working relationships with other employees.
 - c) Ability to make sound decisions and an independent thinker.
 - d) Ability to fulfill all duties and responsibilities of the job as needed.
- QUALIFICATIONS:**
- a) High school diploma or equivalent. Associates degree in a business-related field is preferred.
 - b) Additional coursework that include secretarial skills or business practices is preferred.
 - c) Must be bondable and have the ability to pass a background and drug test.
 - d) Completed employment application.
- BENEFITS:** The City of Elba offers free employee health and dental insurance from BCBS; state retirement, and paid vacation, holidays and sick time.

OPENING DATE: Immediately.
CLOSING DATE: Until filled.Applications are available at Elba City Hall, or online at www.elbaalabama.net. All completed applications should be returned to Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL 36323
EOETHE CITY OF ENTERPRISE
IS ACCEPTING

APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF

MAIN STREET EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Summary: The director will be responsible for coordinating Downtown revitalization activities utilizing the Main Street approach. Applicants should have education and/or experience in one or more of the following areas:

Historic preservation, planning, economic development, retail, marketing, social-media, design, volunteer management, nonprofit management, and small business development.

The director must be entrepreneurial, energetic, well-organized, capable of functioning in an independent environment, and able to work well with others. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are essential.

OPENING DATE:
December 1st, 2021
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CASE NO. PC-21-099

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 23rd day of November, 2021, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred./s/ Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.
Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.
Attorney for Timothy Wayne Jones
Personal Representative
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PUBLIC NOTICES
ON PAGE 4!**

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson and his Mom had Christmas pictures made over the weekend, and while neither were really crazy about the idea, there is no doubt Nanny and I will cherish the memories and have a picture to help remember Christmas 2021.

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Tigers are the surprise team** of the early season in high school basketball as they have already posted two wins and despite dressing out only eight players appear ready to make it a 'bounce back' season. The Tigers have a new coach, a new attitude and a new determination to win, and even though the season has just begun, the winning start should help pave the way for more to come. To attend a home game this season all fans must purchase tickets in advance at GoFan.com. So, download the app, buy your tickets and support the Elba Tigers.

*** **The Elba Lady Tigers tipped off the season** with a big road win over Samson and added a win late in the week over New Brockton to open the season with a bang. The Lady Tigers lost four starters off last year's team, but had several role players returning and they have already proven they remember their roles well. This bunch plays hard and always thinks they are going to win, and after two games looks like they are ready to make more history this season.

*** **The high school basketball season is underway** at most schools in the area and after only two weeks of action we fans already have an idea of what may be coming. Here's what I have seen in early-season play.... New Brockton has good shooters, can score from behind the arc and plays really hard on defense, while the Lady Gamecocks are improved, but must find a way to score if they hope to hang up some wins.... Zion Chapel is off to a 4-2 start and is winning with defense, as it has allowed only one opponent to score in the fifties, while the Lady Rebels have already posted a win and appear much improved.... Kinston is off to a disappointing 0-5 start with its fourth new head coach in the past four years, but should settle in soon and pick up some wins, while the Lady Bulldogs are 2-2 and can beat anybody on their schedule on any given night.

*** **The state high school football season** is now in the books and it was a wild week up at the 'Super 7' as two teams took home their first state titles ever. Pike Road, in just its fourth year playing football, won the 5A crown with a 51-14 romp past Pleasant Grove, while Clarke County ended its 105-year drought and claimed the 2A title with a wild 49-41 win over Cleveland. Up in 7A, Thompson made it three straight titles with a 38-22 win over Central, of Phenix City; and is now 4-1 all-time in the finals; Clay-Chalkville is now 3-1 in the finals after taking home the 6A crown with a high-scoring 46-42 win over Hueytown; Vigor finally made it back to the top, this time in 4A, with a 52-14 win over Oneonta; Piedmont is now 5-1 in the finals after taking home the 3A title with a 35-33 win over Montgomery Academy, after trailing by 23-points at the half; and, Sweet Water is now 11-3 in the finals and back on top in 1A with a dominating 40-16 win over Wadley. I'm not sure how many fans missed the kickoffs of their games due to the traffic up in Birmingham, but those that made it saw some very exciting football.

*** **LSU may have hired a 'big name' coach** last week in Brian Kelly, but the former Notre Dame head coach certainly hasn't proven he can be a 'big game' coach. Kelly, who signed a 10-year, \$95 million contract to lead the Bayou Bengals, was a successful coach at the small college and mid-major level before his ten-year stay at Notre Dame with stops at Grand Valley State, Central Michigan and Cincinnati, but during his 31-year career has posted a 1-8 record against Top 10 opponents, a 31-27 record against Top 25 opponents, was 17-10 in post-season play, and in three trips to the college playoffs was outscored 103-31 in two losses to Alabama and one loss to Clemson. Pro Football Focus ranked Kelly as the twelfth best college coach in the nation before this season started, and ranked the new LSU coach behind such coaches as Dan Mullen, Mack Brown, Pat Fitzpatrick, Matt Campbell and Kyle Whittingham. I have no doubt Coach Kelley will win at LSU. Heck, even Les Miles and Ed Orgeron won at LSU! Besides, when you stop and consider he was making \$2.6 million a year at Notre Dame, a \$7 million raise ain't bad for a 60-year-old head coach.

*** **In closing.... The rumor mill is spinning** and if it proves to be true the Elba Tigers will be heading back to the 1A ranks next season. Rumors are that the Tigers will be in the region with Brantley, McKenzie, Kinston, Red Level, Georgiana, Barbour County and Houston County in football, while in area play it looks like a four-team battle between Elba, Kinston, Barbour County and Houston County. Remember, I said it is just a rumor. So, don't take it to the bank quite yet. Other rumors have Opp moving up to 4A, Andalusia dropping to 4A, and Eufaula dropping to 5A. If the rumors are true, the folks in Opp and Straughn won't have anywhere to hide after not scheduling the Bulldogs the past two seasons. One thing is certain, we have some fun days ahead.

Open season with two wins

Elba Tigers are off and running

The Elba Tigers gave their fans plenty to cheer about last week as they posted two big wins to open the basketball season with a bang.

Following are highlights from both wins:

Elba 66 Samson 41

The Elba Tigers jumped out to an early 11-0 lead and never looked back to open the season with a big 66-41 road win over Samson.

The Tigers came out ready to play in their season opener and jumped out to an 11-0 lead with 4:12 remaining in the first quarter. Samson finally got on the scoreboard with 3:54 left on the clock with its first of five first half three-pointers, but Elba never slowed down and behind the play of Chayse Peterson pushed its lead to 19-4 late in the stanza. Alvin Henderson sparked an Elba rally that helped push the lead to 30-13 with 2:47 left in the second quarter. However, Samson closed the half on a 10-0 run to chop the Tigers lead to 30-23 at the half.

Samson continued its rally into the third quarter and pulled within 30-25 with 7:47 remaining in the quarter, but the Tigers responded with a 19-3 run behind the scoring punch of Jordan Marek and Alvin Henderson as they carried a 49-28 lead into the final period. The teams swapped baskets for much of the fourth quarter, while the Tigers ended the game with a late 5-0 run to post the 66-41 win.

Alvin Henderson scored 18 points to lead the Tigers, while Chayse Peterson added 14 points and 10 rebounds and Jordan Marek scored 13 points and pulled down 12 rebounds. Jacob Branch led Samson with 19 points.

Elba (66): Hill 6, Coleman 4, Burks 5, Marek 13, Peterson 14, Henderson 18, Daniels 6.

Samson (41): Kelley 9, Brooks 4, Branch 19, Pitts 4, White 3.

(JV Game)

The Elba JV Tigers made it look easy in a 50-25 season opening road win over Samson. The Tigers raced out to an early 10-0 lead and upped their lead to 24-3 midway through the second quarter as they coasted to the lopsided win.

Levi Mills scored 16 points to lead Elba, which had ten players score in the win.

Elba (50): Ca. Gray 4, Co. Gray 5, Griffin 3, Mills 16, Br. Johnson 2, Bd. Johnson 3, Watkins 7, Hammonds 2, Siler 6, Cooks 2.

Samson (25): Hornsby 2, Moore 4, White 5, Sewell 7, Gonzales 4, Wells 3.

Elba 58 New Brockton 42

The Elba Tigers used a 15-0 third quarter run to pull ahead and never lost command in an impressive 58-42 home court win over the New Brockton Gamecocks.

Both teams grabbed early three point leads in the opening quarter as the Gamecocks grabbed a 3-0 advantage on a 3-pointer by Matt Smith and Elba moved on top 8-5 midway through the stanza on a 3-pointer by

Kindarius Hill. The Tigers kept their lead for much of the quarter, but Smith hit a late basket for the Gamecocks as the county rivals were tied at 14-14 heading into the second quarter.

Elba went over three minutes without a basket to open the second quarter and New Brockton took advantage of the Tigers scoring drought to open up a 21-14 lead. The Gamecocks were still on top 23-16 with 4:26 left in the quarter and appeared to be in command. However, Chayse Peterson and Alvin Henderson sparked an Elba rally, and when Byron Burks drained a 3-pointer in the closing minute the Tigers were back on top 25-23.

New Brockton regained the lead at 27-25 early in the third quarter on a long 3-pointer by Matt Smith, but a 3-pointer by Elba's Alvin Henderson put the Tigers ahead 28-27, and the Tigers scored the game's next twelve points as their lead ballooned to 40-27.

Elba carried a 42-29 advantage into the fourth quarter and kept up the pace as the lead grew to 46-31 with 5:24 left on the clock on a put back by Kindarius Hill. New Brockton had chances to cut into the Elba lead in the stanza as the Tigers missed eight straight free throw opportunities, but the Gamecocks could never stage a rally and Elba easily held on to post the 58-42 win.

Kindarius Hill scored 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Elba, while Alvin Henderson added 15 points and was 8 for 8 from the foul line, Chayse Peterson added 10 points and 12 rebounds and Byron Burks scored 10 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Matt Smith scored 19 points and Baylon Foster added 13 to lead New Brockton.

Elba (58): Hill 16, Coleman 2, Burks 10, Marek 5, Peterson 10, Henderson 15.

N.B. (42): Lawson 2, Foster 13, Smith 19, McNabb 1, Silar 2, Rosseau 5.

(JV Game)

The Elba Tigers overcame a sluggish start to post a big 54-32 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. Elba owned a slim 10-9 lead after the first quarter, but carried a 27-16 lead in at the half and outscored the Gamecocks 27-13 in the second half to pull away and claim its second win of the young season.

Jacob Watkins scored 11 points to lead the Tigers, while Brayden Johnson and Jamal Siler both added 10 points. Chase Ray led the Gamecocks with 15 points.

Elba (54): Co. Gray 2, Ca. Gray 2, Griffin 2, Mills 8, Br. Johnson 2, Bd. Johnson 10, Watkins 11, Hammonds 2, Siler 10, Cooks 4.

N.B. (32): Bourne 6, White 3, Ray 15, Wallace 4, Peterson 3, Kirkland 1.



Elba Tiger Chayse Peterson (4) drives to the basket in last week's season opening win over Samson. Peterson scored 14 points in the win.

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SPORTS NEWS

Elba Lady Tigers off to fast start

The Elba Lady Tigers were off and running last week as they hit the court twice and claimed two big wins to open the basketball season with a 2-0 record.

Following are highlights of both wins:

Elba 42 Samson 39

The Elba Lady Tigers closed the game on an 8-3 run to tip off the season with an impressive 42-39 road win over Samson.

Elba jumped out to an early 7-3 lead on a three-pointer by Nina Williams and stretched its lead to 11-5 with 2:41 remaining in the opening quarter when Williams drained her second three-pointer of the stanza. Samson closed the quarter on a 7-1 run to pull even at 12-12 heading into the second quarter and moved on top 16-14

midway through the stanza, only to see the Lady Tigers rally behind the play of A'Lyric Whitfield and Nina Williams as Elba carried a 23-20 lead in at intermission.

Elba moved on top 29-22 with 2:04 left in the third quarter as Brooke Tinsley and A'Lyric Whitfield sparked a 6-0 spurt, but Samson hit a late three-pointer and heading into the final stanza the Lady Tigers lead was down to 32-29. Samson took advantage of shaky free-throw shooting by the Lady Tigers to grab a 36-34 lead with 3:02 left on the clock. However, Elba regained command and closed the game with an 8-3 run to claim the 42-39 win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 14 points and Nina Williams added 13 to spark the Lady

Tigers, while Kendra Juarez added 3 points, had 4 steals and pulled down 7 rebounds. Alli Goodwin scored 16 points and Paige Norris added 10 to lead Samson.

Elba (42): Tinsley 5, Williams 13, Purvis 6, Whitfield 14, McCollough 1, Juarez 3.

Samson (39): Moore 3, Norris 10, Edberg 7, Goodwin 16, Phillips 3.

Elba 56 New Brockton 10

The Elba Lady Tigers dominated from the opening tip as they coasted past the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks 56-10, at Elba.

A'Lyric Whitfield drained a pair of early 3-pointers and scored 13 points in the first quarter as the Lady Tigers opened up a 20-0 lead, and the onslaught

continued into the second stanza as Whitfield and Nina Williams combined to score 16 points, and hit two 3-pointers, apiece, as the Lady Tigers lead grew to 28-0 before New Brockton could get on the scoreboard. Elba carried a 36-4 lead in at intermission and then turned things over to the reserves as the Lady Tigers posted a lopsided 56-10 win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 21 points and Nina Williams added 19 to lead Elba, while Gabby Eubanks led New Brockton with 3 points.

Elba (56): Tinsley 2, C. Williams 2, N. Williams 19, Purvis 3, Whitfield 21, B. Williams 2, Moore 2, Stinson 5.

N.B. (10): Eddins 1, Eubanks 3, Barkley 2, Weeks 2, Wilkins 2.



Elba Lady Tiger Nina Williams (3) fires up a shot from behind the arc. Williams averaged 16 points a game last week in two wins.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Hunting Spotlight



Thomas Coleman, son of Dr. Grant Coleman of Charlotte, North Carolina, and grandson of the late Nelda Coleman of Elba bagged his first deer, this 8-point buck, while hunting with his father on their land in Star, NC. It was a bit of an early birthday present as Thomas made the 100-yard shot the day before his 16th birthday.



Cole Shehee, age 12, of Elba, bagged this 115-pound doe while hunting last Thursday afternoon, Dec. 2, with his dad, Kelly, and older brother, Whit, on their property in northwest Coffee County. Cole was super excited when he put the perfect shot on the deer, his first kill.



Lucas Farris, age 12, killed this 8-point buck Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5, while hunting with his dad, Jason, on private property in Elba. This was his first buck kill for the 2021 deer hunting season.

High School
ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

VARSITY BOYS:

Zion Chapel 42 Goshen 15 – The Zion Chapel Rebels dominated on both ends of the court in a 42-15 romp past the Goshen Eagles. Jacob Chestnut scored 11 points and Dayne Bannin added 9 to lead the Rebels, while Jayden Williams led the Eagles with 8 points.

New Brockton 62 Kinston 53 – The New Brockton Gamecocks opened their season with a 62-53 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. Matt Smith scored 21 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Karyus McNabb and Yassiah Rosseau both added 10. Blake Senn scored 19 points and Owen Patterson scored 13 points to lead the Bulldogs.

Pleasant Home 55 Zion Chapel 49 – The Zion Chapel Rebels battled for all four quarters in a 55-49 loss to the Pleasant Home Eagles. Jacob Chestnut scored 17 points and Brady Cobb added 11 to lead the Rebels. Mason Anderson led the Eagles with 16 points.

Andalusia 70 Kinston 58 – The Kinston Bulldogs dropped a hard fought 70-58 decision to the 5A Andalusia Bulldogs. Reece Hall scored 21 points and grabbed 9 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs, while Tripp Hawthorne added 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Northside Methodist 58 New Brockton 48 – The New Brockton Gamecocks battled for all four quarters in a 58-48 loss to Northside Methodist. Matt Smith scored 18 points and Yassiah Rosseau added 13 to lead the Gamecocks, while Kane Holder led Northside Methodist with 18 points.

Floral 45 Zion Chapel 42 – The Zion Chapel Rebels lost a hard fought 45-2 battle to the Floral Wildcats. Brody Cobb scored 13 points to lead the Rebels, while Dayne Bannin added 9.

Red Level 77 Kinston 54 – The Kinston Bulldogs continued their early-season struggles in a 77-54 loss to the Red Level Tigers. Connor Tew scored 16 points and Blake Senn added 13 to lead the Bulldogs.

VARSITY GIRLS:

Zion Chapel 22 Goshen 19 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels scored the only points in overtime to claim a 22-19 win over the Goshen Lady Eagles. Shea Wambles scored 14 points, including all three points in the extra period, to lead the Lady Rebels.

Kinston 52 New Brockton 34 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs rolled to an exciting 52-34 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks. Kelsi Cardwell poured in 37 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Samantha Siniard led the Lady Gamecocks with 11 points.

Pleasant Home 40 Zion Chapel 17 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels dropped a 40-17 decision to the Pleasant Home Lady Eagles. Shea Wambles scored 15 points to lead the Lady Rebels.

Andalusia 54 Kinston 37 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs were outscored 54-37 by the Andalusia Lady Bulldogs. Kelsi Cardwell scored 21 points to lead Kinston, while Zanyia Anderson scored 13 points to lead Andalusia.

Floral 54 Zion Chapel 30 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels couldn't keep up in a 54-30 loss to the Zion Chapel Lady Wildcats. Shea Wambles scored 12 points and Elly Sheets added 7 to lead the Lady Rebels.

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS:

Zion Chapel 43 Goshen 18 – The Zion Chapel Rebels

made it look easy in a 43-18 win over the Goshen Eagles. Slade Grantham scored 17 points and Brodie Stinson added 8 to lead the Rebels.

Kinston 42 Zion Chapel 39 – The Kinston Bulldogs posted an exciting 42-39 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. Slade Grantham scored 20 points to lead the Rebels.

Kinston 26 New Brockton 22 – The Kinston Bulldogs claimed a 26-22 overtime win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. Colby Tew scored 9 points and Michael Thompson added 8 to lead the Bulldogs, while Cayden Wallace scored 8 points and Chase Ray added 6 for the Gamecocks.

Zion Chapel 54 Floral 37 – The Zion Chapel Rebels posted an impressive 54-37 win over the Floral Wildcats. Slade Grantham scored 13 points and Mason Stuart added 11 to lead the Rebels.

High School
BASKETBALL
SCHEDULE

Thursday, Dec. 9

Brantley Tournament

(Girls)

3:30 – (Game 1) Elba vs. Luverne

6:30 – (Game 2) Calhoun vs. Goshen

(Boys)

5:00 – (Game 1) Calhoun vs. Elba

8:00 – (Game 2) Luverne vs. Goshen

Kinston at Georgiana

Zion Chapel at Houston

Academy

Friday, Dec. 10

Brantley Tournament

(Girls)

3:30 – (Game 3) Highland Home vs. Game 1 winner

6:30 – (Game 4) Brantley vs. Game 2 winner

(Boys)

5:00 – (Game 3) Highland Home vs. Game 1 winner

7:30 – Championship game

Monday, Dec. 13

Geneva at Elba

Tuesday, Dec. 14

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Slocumb at New Brockton

Geneva at Kinston

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Brantley at Goshen

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STARR (Con't from Page ONE)

Coffee County Sheriff's Department for the job done in this case, and he thanked the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Alabama for taking the ball in this case and running with it.

"These people have worked tirelessly," Anderson said. "It is a good day. Justice has been evasive for four years for Sara Starr, her children, her students, and everyone who knew her. We had

strong evidence early on but knowing someone did something and being able to prove someone did something are two totally different things."

While the charges announced against Starr are federal charges, the state also has ability to prosecute him concurrently too for the crime; however, Anderson said he has not made the decision yet as to whether or not his office will put the state through that expense also. He said that decision would be made later after he speaks with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Alabama.

"I'm just glad to be able to stand before you today and announce [the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Alabama] is going to fight for justice for Sara Starr and put Jason Starr away for life," Anderson said.

A motive was not directly identified during Tuesday's press conference, but Anderson did confirm that Jason Starr had been served legal documents days prior to his ex-wife's murder requiring him to pay \$2,500 monthly to her and their children. Anderson said that could potentially play into the motive in this case.

Sheriff Sutton also said there is another 'person of interest' in this case. He said officials are anticipating an arrest soon with identical charges as Starr. He did not reveal anything further on that, however.



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